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PIGMY TREES AND MINATURE LAND.

In some ways the Chinese and Japanese gardeners are the most successful of any in the world. They can control and direct the growth of plants to a degree that seems really marvelous until the principle upon which it is done ters, it becomes quite simple.

that the handiwork of their gardeners is not as pleasing as that of the Japan-ese gardeners. The Chinese under-the case with the little brig Hazard, just more teach them to do right than best work is in so directing the growth of a tree or plant that it will resemble Pacific Islands. Capt. Tierney left Hon- ahead. some hideous animal which is only fit to olula in the middle of April last in exist in a nightmare.

tiful and graceful, and, consequently, ugly forms find no favor with them. ized to secure laborers from Portugal Every Japanese has a garden if it is possible; but as space is valuable in Japan, only the very rich can have large grounds, and the family in moderate circumstances must be content with a garden often smaller in area the floor of one of our hall bedrooms in a narrow, city house.

Nevertheless, that small garden must than the top of your dining-table. There will be a mountain, a stream, a lake, rocky grottoes, winding paths, bridges. lawns, fruit trees, shrubs and flowers; all so artistically laid out to resemble nature, itself. In the lake will swim wonderful, filmy-fined gold and silver fish, and not infrequently the tall form of a crane will be seen moving majestically about the tiny landscape.

This seems wonderful enough; but what will you think when I say that almost the same landscape is reproduced on so small a scale that the two pages of St. Nicholas, as it lies open before you, can cover it! In this case, a tiny nouse is added; delicate green moss takes the place of grass covers the lake where the water should be. Counterfeit fish swim in the grass lake, and a false crane overlooks the whole scene, just as the real crane does the larger landscape. The mountain, winding walks, bridges and rocky grottees are in

These trees are of the right proporto doubt their reality; and more than one stranger has slyly taken the leaves or fruit between the fingers, in order to one stranger has slyly taken the leaves of t landscapes have been successfully the shore. brought to this country; and on one occasion a lady of San Francisco used one lished, and it was ascertained that the of them as a center-piece on the table at a dinner-party, greatly to the wonder to belong to a vessel from Samoa, and and admiration of her guests, who could scarcely be convinced that the almost vented further misunderstanding. Six microscopic apples on the trees were

And now comes the question-how is the dwarfing done? The principle is simple. The gardener merely thwarts nature. He knows that to grow properly, a tree requires sunlight, heat, moisture and nourishment from the soil. He takes measures to let the tree have only just enough of these to enable it to keep alive. To begin, he takes a little seedling or

plant in a shallow dish, with the cut end of the root resting against a stone, to retard its growth by preventing nour-

After from five to fifteen years of live, to say nothing of bearing fruit.— [John R. Coryell, in the February St. Nicholas.

We commit a great many sins from time to time which, in the general reck-oning up, we "don't count." Like Van winkle, we take the extra drink, but only count the regular ones. Mr. H. S. Leigh, in a parody of Wordsworth, has really touched a soft point in the moral nature of mankind. A little girl whom he questione I declared that she had only eaten seven apples, though she confessed to having consumed four more in the disguise of a pie. The story has a very tender relation to every one of us:-

Little Effic was in great trouble over some mischief she had brought on herself, and after her prayers one night she looked into her mother's face and earnestly exclaimed:

"Oh, I do hope God will be smart and help me out of this!"—Ex.

IN THE SOUTH SEAS. CHAT BY THE WAY.

A Record of Strange Adventures Among the Natives.

time whaling circles of the New London be more exquisite than this notice in a The Chinese have such a strong liking for the grotesque, and unnatural, that the handiwork of their gardeners is sail," was his explanation to the disapers' Labor and Supply Company, organ-trot."

The Hazard brings 128 laborers, twenty-two of whom are women, costing the company \$200 each, which represents the cost of the cruise of the vessel and other expenses. Three-fourths of contain as many objects as the large the men are returned laborers who have garden, and, of course, the only way of been at work in Figi and Queensland, been at work in Figi and Queensland, and are, consequently, experienced hands. Most of them speak English.

The pay given on the sugar and rice our lives over again we would live them on awakening from sleep. When one was fortunate enough to be able to see the others, he could not refrain from laughing. accomplishing the desired result is to and are, consequently, experienced have everything in minature. It is no hands. Most of them speak English, annum for men and \$48 tor women, in-chance is offered. cluding board, quarters, medical attendance, etc. The contracts provide that laborers on the expiration of their contracts shall be returned to their like this, What enjoyment to have little homes free of cost. For this purpose to eat and keep a servant! the Hazard left Honolulu in April for the Union group of islands in the South Pacific, and, after a pleasant run of fifteen days, landed there a number of islanders whose terms of service in Hawaiian plantations had expired. The landing was at the principal Island of Fackepoo. The natives of the east and west ends of the island were engaged in a religious war, which, according to Capt. Tierney's information, promised results rivalling those of the memorable fight of tury there was a quaint saying, "What the Kilkenny cats. Leaving Fackepoo, pretty things men will make for monthe Hazard sailed for the New Hebrides ey!" quoth the old woman, when she to secure men for boating purposes. It first saw a monkey. is a fact, perhaps not generally known in "the States," the Sandwich Islands have few good harbors. Vessels disthe little landscape; and real trees, charging supplies for the plantations or bearing fruit, or covered with dainty blossoms, are in their proper places. receiving sugar from them, lie at anchor a quarter of a mile off shore. Surf boats, manned by from six to ten men, toxication, "did you order the meat for tions to fit the landscape, and they are, dodge the reefs and force their way consequently, so tiny that one is tempted through the incoming surges slowly, and

boats, being painted white, were thought | did you?" men were secured and brought aboard

the Hazard, which weighed anchor and pocket a half-emptied bottle, "an' I (hic) proceeded to other islands in the group. brought it with me. Sandwich Island is one of the handsommits. Several volcanos in this and other islands in the group were in "Well," responded the husband with various stages of activity, and shocks of considerable indignation, "yer don't ex-New Hebrides have supplied 5,000 laborers within the past few years, and cutting, about two inches high, and cuts off the main root. He then puts the Government, intended to establish a protectorate there.

ishment entering that way. Bits of fired from the high bluff under which clay the size of a bean are put in a dish, she was anchored, and forced all hands she was anchored, and forced all hands found in receipt of good fat sums once a for the little rootlets which have been bloodthirsty set. Cruising through the gentleman, who, on being investigated, left on the poor little tree. Water, heat Santa Cruz group, the Hazard encount- asserted that he drew a pension for and light are furnished the struggling plant in just sufficient quantities to hold search for relics of the vessel of the "But what did you lose?" demanded ife in it without giving it enough to great explorer La Perouze, lost in 1786. the examiner. "You seem to have all thrive on. In addition, any ambitious The crew had recovered some cannon, your members and faculties." attempt to thrive, in spite of these draw- two anchors and twenty fathoms of chain, backs, is checked by clipping with a all heavily encrusted with coral. At to the wall, "I lost my head at Shiloh sharp knife or searing with a red-hot Santa Cruz, the larger island of the and left for home!" group, large numbers of the people came alongside in their boats, no less than such treatment, the only wonder is that eighty of which, manned by over 300 highest amount allowed by law. the abused tree will consent even to natives, were around the ship one after-

noon. "The blacks were large, muscular fellows, The captain was fortunate in avoiding Traveler's Magazine. any trouble, and secured several boatmen. The natives were ready to trade and barter, but would not permit the ship's boats to approach their village. that of demons, as they flourish and gesticulate wildly .- [Honolula Correspendent of the Boston Herald.

Senator Mahone goes about Washington in the coldest weather, by day and by night, without overcoat, and with his Prince Albert coat unbuttoned.— Chicago Herald.

Philanthropy sometimes tries to do too much. On a cold winter night a good the Arctic regions sounds incredible to

Nothing in the world could possibly is known, when, as in many other matwhaling captain who returned from a partially vacant house:—The upper part three years' cruise without either bone of this house to let, containing three or oil. "But I had a darned pleasant rooms, a cellar, kitchen and a back- in the frigid zone.

> returned from a long trip to the South you can teach a crab to crawl straight How can you expect your children

search of laborers for the sugar and rice to be better than you are yourself? The The Japanese, on the contrary, are plantations of the Sandwich Islands, old proverb is a true one. How can the Hazard was fitted out by the Plantthe foal amble when the horse and mare The motto of the rich, and it is a

motto very easy to live up to, is, We are all Adam's children, but silk makes the difference. Chilo once said, Virtue maketh man

tal; but he was only an old fashioned were! We often say if we could only live

scape contained in a space no greater plantations of these islands is \$60 per to lose the opportunity when a second The family which tries to keep up appearances on a slender income should learn to read Spanish. It has a saw

I wondered hugely what she meant, And said, "I'm bad at riddles; But I know where little girls are sent For telling taradidles.

"Now, if you wen't reform," said I,
"You'll never go to heaven,"
But all in vain; each time I try.
That little idiot makes reply,

We don't know exactly what the moral of it is, but in the sixteenth cen-

COULDN'T REMEMBER EVERYTHING.

"My dear," said a wife to her hus-band, who had reached home very late one Saturday night and in a state of into-morrow's dinner?"

"No," he said, "I (hie) forgot it." "Did you tell the grocer to send a

could, "I'm ver' sorry (hic), but I for-"You didn't forget to get intoxicated

"No'm." "Did you order the brandy for the mincemeat? "Yes," he said pulling out of his

"I declare," said his wife impatientest, its peaks rising 4,000 feet and ly "we haven't a thing to eat to-morcovered with verdure to the very sum- row. It's the last time I will ever ask you to do any marketing.

earthquake were occasionally felt. The pect (hic) er man to r'member everything, do you?"-[Philadelphia Call.

During the recent raid on the pension thieves at Washington some startling Visiting the Torres Islands, the grounds for the issue of pensions were Hazard was attacked by natives, who developed. Men who had lost a leg in a contest with a reaping machine, were and are so regulated in kind and quan- to seek shelter. They had been fairly month. But perhaps the most remarktity as to afford the least possible food treated in trade, but are a treacherous, able claim of the lot was that of one

"Well," replied the claimant, driven

Another should have been placed on the list for the rest of his life at the

"What is your claim?" asked the examiner. "What did you lose?"
"I lost \$350 at poker the night before armed with bows and poisoned arrows. the battle of Fair Oaks."-[Drake's

A farmer friend has sixty colonies of bees, a fine flock of light Brahma fowls. red. They use lime on their hair, and 13 and 16 years respectively, and the he caught the cur by the neck, and, sections, extracts his honey, introduces queens, divides his bees, and rears queens with a skill which many a veteran might envy. He is already well known in the city, three and a half miles distant, for his honey, and talks about bees, and quotes authorities in the most intelligent manner. All his honey is Nothing makes a man feel so independent of public opinion as to have the price of a fine horse and carriage in his supply the demand at the store.—American ican Agriculturist.

LAUGHED AT.

To hear of suffering from heat in man was leading a little child by the those who have never been there. There was a story ever popular in oldhis party from this cause, while with Schwatka one summer in "King Wil-liam's Land," and declares that probably more annoyed by acute sun-burn than

> The heat of ordinary exercise compels him to throw back the hood of his fur coat, which the cool evening and mornings preclude his not wearing. By thus exposing his head, not only his entire face become blistered, but especially-if he is fashionable enough to wear his hair thin on the top of his head-his entire scalp is affected about as severely as if a bucket of scalding

water had been poured upon it.

At a later period than that of which I am writing, Lieut, Schwatka's en-tire party, while upon a sledge journey from Marble Island to Camp Daly, were so severely burned that not only their faces but their entire heads were on the earth famous, in their graves swollen to nearly twice their natural illustrious, in the heavens immor-And a fine-looking party they

Some had their faces so swollen that their eyes were completely closed

All dignity was lost. Even the august commander of the party was a laughing-stock, and though he knew why they laughed at each other, he could not quite understand why he should excite such mirth. Pretty soon he saw his face in a mirror, and found that when he tried to smile, his lips were so thoroughly swollen that I the effect was anything but happy. The contortion expressed sentiment, but hardly that of pleasure. He could readily have been taken for a grimmacing idiot or a malicious lunatic, according to the preference of the beholder.

The other night at the opera house, an old negro went to the door, feeling

his way along with a cane. "Whar's de show man?" he asked. "Here I am," replied the manager of

a Humpty-dumpty troupe. "Would yer let a po' ole blin' man go inter de house?"

"It won't do any good to go in, old man. You can't see anything and there is no talking in this show." "Wall, lemme go in anyway. I ain' been ter a 'tainment in so long I'se hongry fur it."

"All right, old man, go up stairs," and a boy was called to show the old fellow to a seat. During the performance the manager looked up into the gallery and saw the old man laughing fit to kill himself." Going up and approaching the old fellow, the angry

"Thought you were blind."

"Sah?" looking up with a puzzled

"I say I thought you were blind."

"Who, me?"

"Yes; you." "What made you think dat?"

"Because you said so."
"Nor, sah, I didn'. I axed yer ef yer'd let a ole blin' man go inter de show an' verse'f is de one what said I couldn't see.'

"Well, you'll have get out of here." "Sah?"

"I say you'll have to get out of here." "Who, me?"

"Yes, you," "Jes' 'case I ain't bline? W'y man, yer ought to be glad dat I ken see. Yer oughtenter want nobody to be bline. Jes' lemme stay an' I'll shet my eyes durin' the rest o' de show? Won't do it? Huh, fust man I eber seed what wanted floks ter be bline. Oh, I'll go out of dat's what yer's a hintin' at. Wants me ter go jes' case I'se enjoyin' myse'f. Dar's some mean mighty folkes in dis heah worl', nohow."-[Arkansaw Traveler.

A Shepherd dog belonging to Louis Dean went to his master's house the other day, closely followed by a mightylooking cur that he seemed to be very fond of. He divided his supper with his companion, and continued to do so for several days. The other day Dean was moving a band of cattle, assisted by his dog, when he noticed that Colonel seemed quite anxious to give his protege a few pointers on "long ears," and accordingly sent him around to stop the cattle from entering a cross street. The new dog did his work well for a time, but, the cattle acting badly, he became excited and ran into the band, barking, putting Dean and Colonel to much trouble. The faithful old brute's patience becoming exhausted, after giving him a good shaking up, he pulled him to a ditch and held him under water until he was nearly drowned. After chastisement the new dog behaved well, and now promises to be one of the best dogs in the state. Colonel has exclusive charge of his friend, and continues to feed him regularly, and when driving stock he seems to direct every moment of his "helper." -[Reno Gazette.

The late John Proctor, the wealthy hropist of Andover, Mass., began life